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It's a Fare Fight !

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Wanted—fists on the table !

IN SEPTEMBER the TUC will be meeting in Brighton. A number of left parties are planning marches and lobbies. The Workers Revolutionary Party and its youth organisation, the Young Socialists, will be lobbying on Thursday, September 9, while the Right to Work Campaign, in which the International Socialists have overwhelming influence, will be staging a march from London to Brighton for September 7.

Both the events point to growing opposition to the Labour Party and the TUC, yet both fall short of a real revolutionary threat to their policies.

The Labour Party and the TUC have shown themselves in their true colours.

The memory of July 26 is still fresh in our memories, when the TUC gave in to the employers and the bosses over the 4% pay deal.

There are some of the questions we should be asking ourselves—how many union branches have discussed resolutions beforehand?

How many of the delegates are directly involved?

The outcome of the conference can be predicted to a great extent. Once again the nodding of the head to rising unemployment, to cuts and more cuts.

A minority of the delegates oppose the TUC's policies of class collaboration, some in sincerity and with the backing of the trade unionists they represent, others to preserve the 'left' face.

In this climate inside the labour movement it is fairly clear that one thing must happen if the working class is not to get the worst bruising that it has already received.

The class collaborationist leadership must be broken and ground to dust by an intensification of grass roots activity.

Unity

The socialist point in the destruction of the sell-out bureaucracies is the unity of the struggles in isolated factories, dock queues and estates.

Unity of rank and file activity must be built on a class basis.

This is a fundamental question.

It can only be answered without raising the question of social power: that is, who controls society at the moment and who must control it in the future.

Neighbourhood unity can only be achieved independently of local struggles.

Working class unity will have to grow out of a sense of mutual experience linking together first in the neighbourhood then on national and international levels.

In this climate of left manoeuvres in Brighton express to a degree this rejection of class collaboration. But at the same time they mystify and mislead.

The WRP-YS lobby calls for the

guarantee of jobs—but how can there be such a guarantee when capital is not prepared to and cannot provide it?

They call for the working class to force the Labour Government to resign, to be succeeded by one pledged to socialist policies.

They do not call for the organisation of rank and file assemblies to take place. They

instead they perpetuate a myth that somehow the Labour Party as a whole can be propelled leftwards.

Such a slogan is extremely dangerous and can if it is followed lead to more defeats for working people.

The Right to Work march and lobby on September 7 will be a major unsuccessful attempt to unify successful resistance to unemployment.

The campaign has to be one that effectively fight unemployment and the cuts...and ask revolutionary questions at the same time.

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FIGHT TO DEBATE !

P.S. We welcome debate in AW on building this campaign. So please send your ideas (not more than 2000 words and preferably typed or clearly written) to 13, Colman St, Hull.

Fishguard Police Seizure

PAMPHLETS seized by the Special Branch from Cardiff solicitor, Chris Short, have now been returned but, Dyfed-Powys Police say, they refused to give them back.

Mr. Short says explanation as to why they were confiscated in the first place.

At present he is attempting to build a revolutionary alliance to the class collaborators and the inadequate campaigns in opposition.

The Clamants Union raised the

Right to Live demands.

So far he has been unable to organise in any effective way against unemployment; it has attracted no-one virtually, and its campaign hasn't come off.

It's time for libertarian socialist revolutionaries, and all those who have profound criticisms of the 'Right to Work' campaign, to mobilise around a Fight to Live campaign.

Mr. Short told us, "One officer entered the inside of the car, a second went through the roof, a third went through the engine compartment, while a fourth just walked around."

When they took the pamphlets they said that they did not allow that sort of thing into Ireland."

"When were they considering the stuff? were all the pamphlets legal in Britain and surely it's a matter for the Irish police and not the British?"

On returning to Fishguard a few days later, Mr. Short presented his receipt and asked for his property

to be returned, however, that it had been seized to begin with.

Short threatened that he would take legal action against the police if his belongings were not given back.

Two weeks later, Mr. Short was told by Scotland Yard that his belongings had been sent back to him.

Dyfed-Powys Police HQ in Carmarthen from where he could be reached.

He contacted Dyfed-Powys Police from Carmarthen to Cardiff to give him the address.

What was said was that he was asked to sign a receipt for the property that also included a statement to the effect that he proposed no further action against the police.

He refused such a condition."

Mr. Short told us, "It was only after consultation with his Inspector that the officer agreed to accept a statement to that effect."

Mr. Short also said, "I subsequently wrote to Dyfed-Powys Police asking why my belongings had been seized."

"I have had a reply offering apologies for the inconvenience but the police have not offered me any explanation at all."

ABORTION CUTS

ABORTION IS under attack again. The select committee set up in February 1975 to consider the James White Bill has made new recommendations.

They are the work of anti-abortionists as all the sympathetic MPs resigned from the Committee in protest against the built-in majority of entrenched anti-abortionists retained when it was reconvened in February 1976.

The recommendations are to ban abortion on 'abuse'. In fact they are a response to the right wing pressure to restrict abortion. The Committee consists of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child, Life and so on.

The recommendations made law and intends to make a further report.

There are fourteen points in all which are reproduced below with some idea of their likely effect:

1) Reduction in the time limit for abortion advice.

If foetal viability is taken as the basis for decision on this time limit, then the reduction could even further.

Disadvantage

A small percentage of abortions take place after 20 weeks and this proposal would have a disastrous disadvantage—the schoolgirl afraid to tell anyone the working class woman can't tell her in private clarifies it reflects by the NHS.

2) Licence and control of all fee-charging agencies providing abortions or early advice.

No criteria are laid down; this could mean anything.

3) Financial separation of charitable referral agencies and nursing homes.

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The British Pregnancy Advice Service and the Pregnancy Advisory Service use profits from their nursing homes to finance their charitable agencies and to help women who can't afford fees.

These organisations are filling a vital gap in abortion facilities which should be covered by the NHS.

4) A medical practitioner who gives consent for the abortion must have been in practice for five years, and their must have a current firm association with the same nursing home or agency.

No other medical operation is treated this way and this would also hit the charitable sector.

5) More stringent requirements for married women trying to get an abortion.

A particular threat comes from the introduction of a clause:

6) Increase in police powers to search clinics, advisory services and premises testing centres, and to confiscate evidence.

7) Compulsory anonymity for witness who have had or been advised to have an abortion.

This would facilitate malicious prosecution of more liberal doctors.

8) An increase in powers to prosecute and heavier fines.

9) Acts 'done with intent to terminate a pregnancy' of each embryo must be notified in the same way as abortions.

This could include menstrual extraction, dilation and curettage operations and even the coil, who knows?

These proposals will make abortion still more difficult to obtain and

probably increase.

Getting an abortion will take longer, and more women will be forced to pay for private abortions.

These proposals will be presented, an attempt to tighten up on abortion, to penalise many sources of voluntary and charitable aid, and remove control by the state, directly involved, into the courts.

There is no provision for making up the loss of facilities in the NHS, and only the back street trade will

early in pregnancy.

Women need real choice between free abortion and private support to have and bring up children. We have neither, and what facilities there are under attack from both the pro-abortion groups and the cuts in the Social Services.

We must organise NOW to prevent these recommendations getting through parliament.

There will be a National Abortion Campaign Planning Meeting on Saturday 10th September at the Education Centre, Heathcote Street, Nottingham.

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This licence only exists 'for the purpose of making their employer pay them the wages they are occupying'.

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Some workers have to occupy from outside their workplace, and this too involves trespass.

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Lies Answered

THE SQUATTERS ACTION COUNCIL (SAC) has produced a pamphlet containing a dossier of anti-squatting and anti-squatters' lies.

They list the categories of anti-squatter they have appeared in the papers: squatters' rights, squatters' homes while they are away on holiday; squatters' rights, squatters' homes while they are being rehoused.

They also list a 'rent-a-kid' service providing children to single people to prevent them from families and thus get housing from them.

They list the names of housing associations that have been found guilty of squatting.

The Criminal Trespass Law may be applied to squatters who are not the cutting off of gas and electricity supplies and when they are taken to court over.

ASS has often supplied 'McKenzies' to the police, which is a copy of the legal defence file, which can be used to defend squatters.

Tenants, families and friends warning squatters to leave, and threatening to do so.

Send what you can afford to SAC, 8 Bowden Street, London SE11. Tel: (01) 289 3877.

TUC SELL-OUT ON TRESPASS

THE TUC General Council are going to oppose two of the offences contained in the proposed criminal trespass legislation.

At a meeting on June 23, it was decided to oppose the offensive weapons section and

the section on obstruction of court officers.

The TUC oppose 'securing entry by violence'.

The TUC's definition of the offence is 'to use or threaten violence for the purpose of securing entry to or remaining in premises on which another person is present'.

They say that violence should 'include both violence against the

factory and violence against property, but that otherwise it should be left undefined.

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SQUATTERS SERVICE IN CRISIS

THE ADVISORY SERVICE for squatters in the grave danger of being closed down and unable to survive beyond the end of the month.

They urgently need money.

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increase in cost as a result.

At the same time, the attacks on the Advisory Service continue.

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B. Squatter

Write to SAC for details. Pauline

Road, London N1. Tel: (01) 388 8514.

Billy Williams

spreading the concept of controlling our own lives and moving away from the standard demands for 'THEM' to do things for 'US'.

Along with these discussions there has been a general healthy breadth to the campaign.

Questions being asked range over: - who are we most from far and why? - what's the cost of the additional deaths - position caused by more cars on the road? - why are tubes so dirty, unhealthy and boring for passengers and transport users? - what would they be like if WE controlled them?

Already Fare Fight is planning a national gathering of transport users and workers.

There has been a lot of interest from all round the country and we hope that a real self-starting and direct action can be taken up in other places to follow down fares.

Very much the support as far as London's concerned is the support we've had from LT bus workers.

Well, we may not see a free, sane, healthy public transport system tomorrow but whatever happens, the lessons of FE won't be forgotten for a long, long time.

West London AWA member

Fare Fight, 76 Syden St, Bow, E1.

RIGHT - The form that fare fighters send to London Transport when they receive a demand for payment.

A. REVOLUTIONARY anarchist, Giovanni Marinò, is still renting in prison after being given twelve years for protecting himself from a fascists gang which forced him and another comrade in the streets of Milan.

The press, TV and radio - and the police - have been quick to seize on the evidence, immediately accused the anarchist of being a stroppy and belligerent type.

A respected anarchist, Giuseppe Pinelli who has been in prison for 10 years, the fascists and who was active in his job as a police officer, has been thrown in the police HQ.

It is now generally accepted that four people were killed in that fourth floor bombing - murdered by the police!

A number of people were accused of the bombing, among them Peter Valpreda.

Evidence has since come to light that fascists were released and had attempted to re-enter the prison to exact revenge.

One died in the prison and the others are on the run.

Despite this, Valpreda and the others are fighting for political liberty and face a trial themselves.

The fascists are aided in this plot by members of the Italian secret service, D.F.S.E. and the D.G.S. and the D.F.S.E. counter information service and the D.G.S. secret information service in Rome, although it is claiming partiality.

On July 17, he completed half his sentence and could now be released in parole, but he has been denied this by the Italian state.

The sentence of parole is jeopardized by Giovanni's courage in denouncing the claim that he was a terrorist.

Demonstrations all over Italy are

strangely silent.

Similar circumstances face two women political prisoners in Berlin, Petra Krause and Ursula Hirsch.

Both have been in solitary confinement for 17 months and Verena for 10. Both have tried to die if possible.

The Berlin police has an explosive charge, and Krause carries charges of assault and battery. Also Krause is suspected member of NAP, Italy's left group, that has engaged in armed attacks.

Both are unwell and are being refused medical treatment.

Again, it helps to remember that the West German government probably has a secret information service.

If it does, and if Mathild died in the prison, then the secret service has the opportunity not to confirm the official version by allowing independent

On Urkice Marinò, probably murdered,

see below.

W. GERMANY

IN WEST GERMANY several political prisoners risk death in prison, including the political writer and surgeon, Doctor Karl-Heinz Roth, who is still in prison after being beaten up without punishment in the stomach.

The prison authorities are refusing to give him medical treatment.

Wolfgang Grunemann, alleged member of the Red Army Faction, was tortured on an intestinal infection.

Julia Schmid, Ursula, Katherine Hämmerle and Siegfried Hauner have been beaten to death through continual solitary confinement in medical treatment.

The Mexican anarchist paper, *Voz Critica*, has been beaten, tortured and forced to prison.

The Mexican Government is trying to suppress a paper, which has widespread influence amongst peasants and workers.

DISTRIBUTION CO-OPERAIVE

This autumn a co-operative representing over fifty socialist, feminist and cultural organisations and journals will be trying to ensure a fuller, and more effective distribution for these publications. This co-operative approach results in a more effective research by a working party, will it is hoped, enable them to be reasonably 'represented' in bookshops, student unions and other organisations. It operates a fortnightly van, and parcels service (using existing commercial carriers).

Magazine distribution is dominated by near-monopolies like Smiths and Menzies; the few small distributors, relying mainly on 'soft' post, are uninterested in publishing and cultural publications; and the recent increase in postal charges threatens the very survival of some of the long-established specialist magazines.

At a time of increasing class confrontation, the co-op's targets are to increase circulation of member-publishers, to enable more people access to socialist, feminist and alternative ideas and practice.

But to successfully establish this project we need your support.

The co-operative is attempting to raise an initial £3,000 to acquire London premises, employ full-time co-operators and finance the deficit expected in the first four months, until, at the end of 1976, it becomes self-financing. The first member-publications have pledged £1,000 each in advance payments, and they will all be asking their readers for whatever level of support they can afford.

Please make cheques, or postal orders payable to 'Publications Distribution Co-operative'; all donations are being held in a special account, and if by chance the project does not proceed the money will be refunded. If you would like a more detailed statement of the co-operative's proposals please send a stamped addressed envelope to:

The Treasurer, PDC, 282 Park Road, London N8.

ANARCHIST WORKER is participating in the establishment of the Co-operative, and invites all readers and friends to support financially, materially, and through publicity, the activities of the Co-operative.

International State Terrorism

ULRIKE MEINHOF

WHEN Ulrike Meinhof was found dead in her cell in Stuttgart on 9 March in the early hours of the morning, the world was stunned.

Meinhof, a member of the West German Red Army Faction, was found hanging from a metal bar in her cell.

Defense lawyers attributed the suicide to mental torture inflicted on Meinhof during the last month of her stay in prison.

It appears, however, that her death was not complicated.

It seems that she was murdered.

In a case where the left is a scapegoat, the right is its scapegoat, it helps to look at what German authorities themselves claim.

One finds that the German authorities are not so complicitous.

It is the left that is blamed.

The killing of Ulrike Meinhof is not something that ends or begins with the Red Army.

Ulrike Meinhof was murdered by government officials.

And considerable evidence emerged after 1970 that the Stasi, the secret police of the German Democratic Republic, organized the *Freikorps* - right-wing militia whose job was to crush by force the left-wing opposition.

Ulrike Meinhof was captured in April 1970 by a member of the SD-created militia, describing the treatment given to her as 'inhuman'.

"Yesterday morning I got to my company and at 1pm we made the usual inspection. The enthusiasm is marvelous, almost primitive. The Stasi had made us ride the reds 200 to 300. Anybody who got to the front line had to drink beer. At these abominations with joy, and how we were rewarded with for their level. Nothing is more important than to be a communist. Ulrike Meinhof was found carrying arms and was beaten to death.

Letters of protest to General

Argentine, Minister of the Interior, of the Argentine Republic,

see below.

SPAIN

THE URUGUAYAN government is attempting to crush any resistance from the working class in line with the establishment of a capitalist state in the country.

Among the publications to suffer are *La Vanguardia* and *Avante*. Directives, papers which printing and circulation have been suspended.

There is still significant anarchist influence among the Argentinian working class.

Please send letters of protest, financial contributions to the Argentinian Resistance Fund c/o 848, Whittemore High St., L1.

Spain

Despite the blinding of the

Spanish government that are

republicans and opposed to the

regime in Spain, it does not stop them arresting some victims of the torture and attempting to send them back.

This may happen in the case of the Spanish anarchist, Josep Miquel.

He has already been horribly tortured

by the military police and will almost certainly be sent back to Spain.

Arturo has threatened to kill himself

rather than suffer at the hands of the Spanish.

Please write for information, letters

to: Mr. Lawyer: Maurice

Boutonnet, 16, Rue de l'Amiral

France.

The Spanish government has also

arrested thirteen Basques and a Catalan

Among these were four Basques who

had escaped from Segovia Prison. They

too face extradition to Spain.

